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METAL OXIDE SOLUTIONS AND METHOD FOR  
SEPARATING METAL OXIDES  
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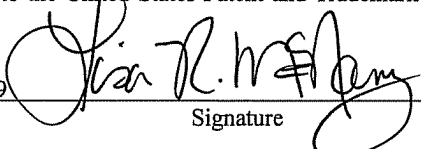
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In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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